

## Job Corps students learn to lead

Tom Busselberg

CLEARFIELD — "Being a leader opened my eyes to bigger, better things." Rachel Ball, a student leader at the Clearfield Job Corps Center (CJCC), here, says being thrust into leadership has helped her in myriad ways. She has served as CEO of student leadership for two terms, in addition to being elected president of her dormitory.

Marcus Robinson, meanwhile, is president of the Ambassadors' group. That's made up of students who assist those new to the center, picking them up at the airport and shadowing them for a few weeks, helping them get adjusted to life at CJCC.

He recently conducted his first graduation ceremony: that is, coordinated the actual event and announced the various portions of the program.

Both Ball and Robinson were among 52 Job Corps students from across the country who visited Washington, D.C., as part of a leadership training seminar. During their visit, they had the chance to visit with Utah's senators and House of Representative members.

"Sen. Hatch ran out of the Senate Floor to meet with us," said Melissa Freigang, government and community relations director at CJCC, who accompanied the students.

"He was very friendly, even hugged us," Ball said. Sen. Bennett also showed enthusiasm for the program, she said.

"Those guys (Ball and Robinson) took the lead when they met with the Senators, talked about lobbying for the center, etc.," Freigang said.

"It (Washington visit) taught us how to be better leaders," Ball said.

As a part of the seminar, students could enter an essay contest on how Job Corps changed their lives. Ball took third place.

Students also attended sessions on how to motivate others to be leaders and attended a business and etiquette course.

Ball is from Cheyenne, Wyo., and is enrolling at the Davis Applied Technology College. She plans to become a pharmacy tech.

Robinson, meanwhile, is "about 95 percent done" with his studies at CJCC in business technology and wants to enroll at Weber State University. He is from Los Angeles.

tbusselberg@davisclipper.com